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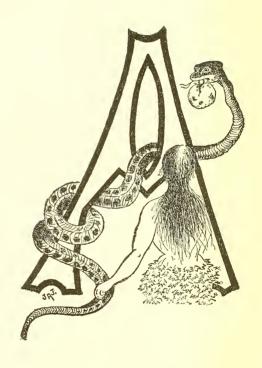


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A is an Apple given Eve
by the snake;

Father Adam was also
induced to partake;

Tried to swallow it whole
like a gluttonous shote,
Which accounts for the
apple you feel in your
throat.

An Adam's Apple.



B is for Boston, Dame Culture's reality,

And also an Irish municipality.

Now what a cute combination is that,

Where everything going

is proper and Pat.

Bean Knighted Boston.



C is what business men call Corporations;
Some are worthy and some are the curse of the Nations.

"Trusts" these are called, for they can be trusted,

To see that legitimate business is busted.

Cold Hearted Corporations.



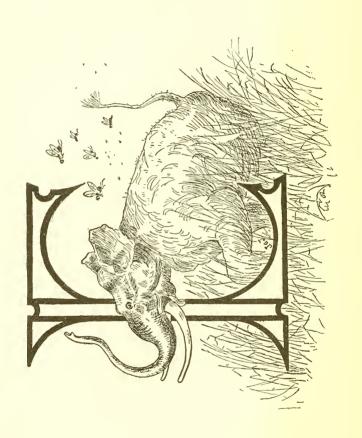
D is a Donkey that's known as an ass,

For he'd rather eat thistles than clover or grass;

A creature that many delight to abuse,

Although once rode in state by the King of the Jews.

Deprecated Donkey.



E is an Elephant, monster mammal, oh my!

Swings his tail, flaps his ears at the tiniest fly;

An acrobat too, as one might suppose,

For he carries a travelling trunk on his nose.

Erratic Elephant.



is a Frenchman who speaks the patois, Likes to drink and to sing, to sing and hooraw; Says "The States are half French and half Yankee, you bet, Cos dey been git zat freedom troo brave Lafayette." Fanciful Frenchman.

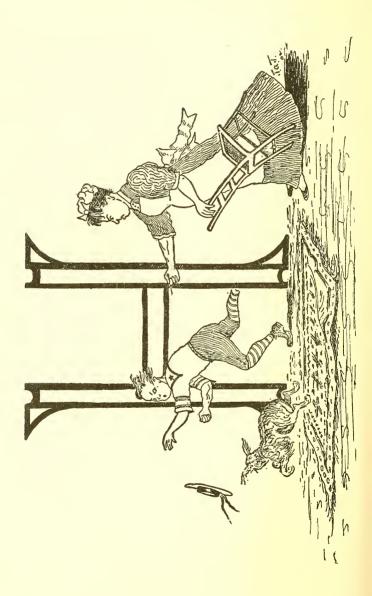


is a Gown, well arranged to deceive,

From the waist that's misplaced to the size of the sleeve;

Inventions most marvellous make up the rig, That at first was composed of the leaf of the fig.

Gorgeous Gowns.



H is a Hairpin to bind up the hair,

Native or false, on the crown of the fair;

Although not given to pompous pretence,

It often is used as a means of defence.

Ha, ha, old Hairpin.



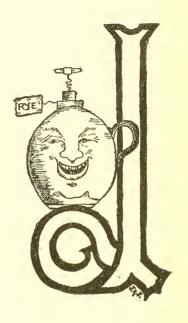
is an Irishman; in Ireland for ages

Oppressed by high rents and inadequate wages,

Who at once reaching here to improve his condition,

Blossomed out a contractor and ward politician.

Irrepressible Irishman.



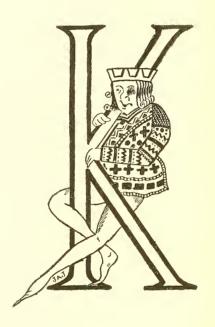
J is a Jug that often gets full

And so it remains till some chap gets the pull;

How idle it is for the great Juggernaut,

To fill himself up with such heathenish rot.

Jolly Old Jug.



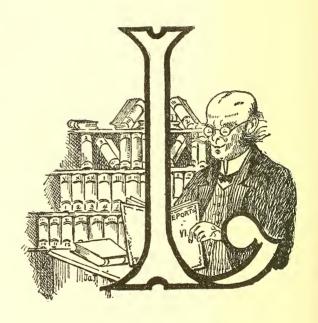
K is a Knave sometimes called the Jack,

Considered the lowest face card in the pack;

In fact he's a sort of an old ne'er-do-weil,

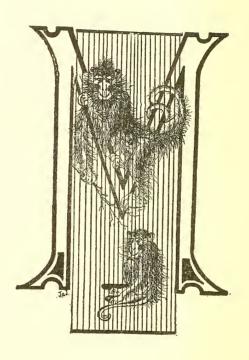
And when shuffled off he'll go straight to the Deil.

Kinky Old Knave.



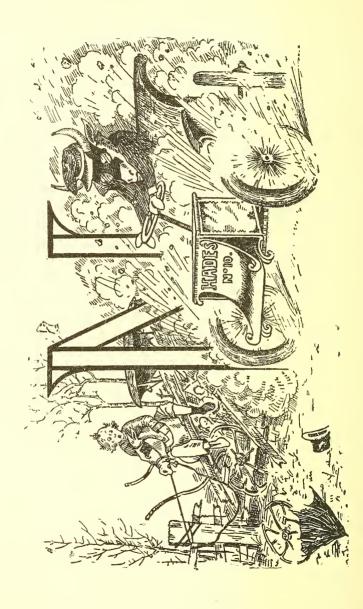
is a Lawyer to whom, as
we know,
Wanting law the lawless
shall certainly go;
As their suit would then
not be finally lost,
For if beaten, they then
get a suit for the cost.

Long Headed Lawyer.



M is a Monkey and likewise a Man
Created upon the same
general plan;
But the cause of the
former is sure to prevail,
For he holds his priority
right by entail.

Masterful Monkey



I is for Nabob, who goes out a-wheel On his phthisical horsescaring automobile. Why the horse shows such fear, at first don't appear, But on scanning the gear, it is perfectly clear 'Tis because the blamed auto is run by a steer. Neroic Nahoh.



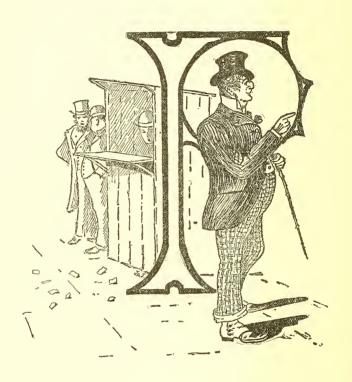
O is the Orangeman, his first name is "John"

He rides round the course when the ball games are on;

And just like some fellows of every class,

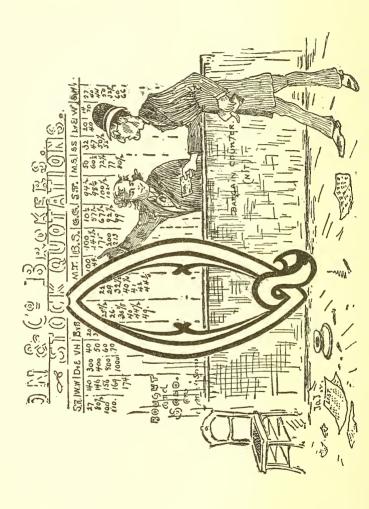
When he gets through the course, he turns out an ass.

Ould John the Orangeman.



P is a Partisan, unselfish and brave;
He holds a fat office, his country to save;
And would on election day wear, I believe,
His bitterest opponent's heart on his sleeve.

Political Partisan.



Q is Quotations of bonds and of stocks,

Throwing sand in our eyes to relieve us of rocks;

The confiding public's private pocket to reach,

By cunning and well-arranged figures of speech.

Queer Quotations.



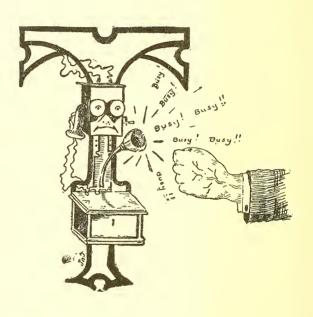
R is a Ranter, with eloquence grand,
Explaining what he himself don't understand;
If there were only enough of his class,
We'd have the whole universe lighted by gas.

Reverberating Ranter.



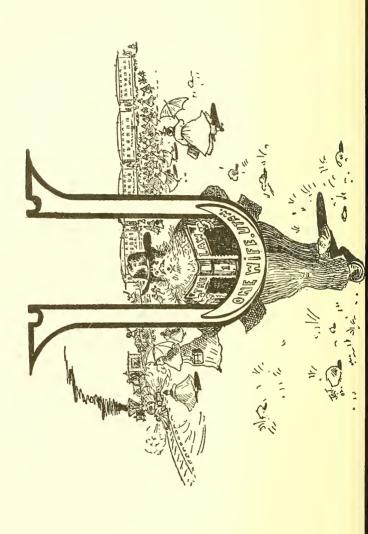
S is a Sinner,—I have one in mind,—
Not that a sinner's a hard thing to find;
But the first to recall would naturally be
The name of the sinner who sinned against me.

Sinful Sinner.



It's lines always busy whenever you ring;
And if by misfortune you happen to cough,
You're in luck if the hellogirl don't cut you off.

Tentacular Telephone.



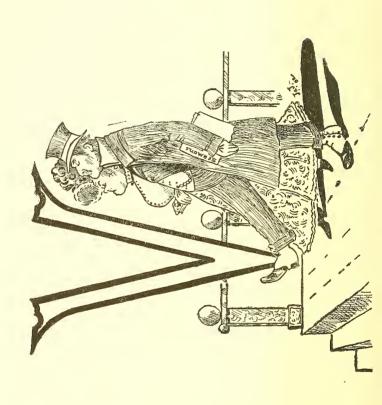
U is for Utah, where laws are in force

That create a sort of a wholesale divorce,

On the ground that to save matrimonial strife,

The contestants shall be, each, a man and one wife.

Uno Wife Utah



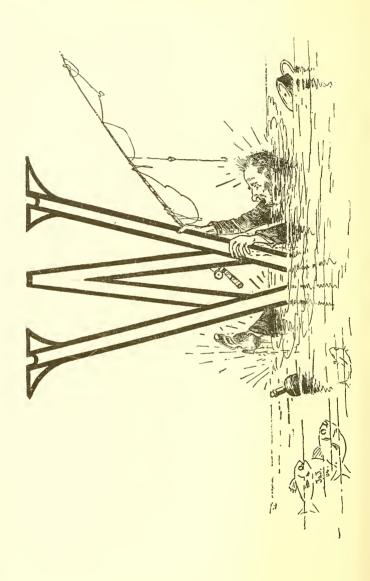
V is Veneer, which is, I believe,

A thing that is made with intent to deceive;

It's not always of wood, it is found in society,

And sometimes with those who profess to great piety.

Venal Veneer.



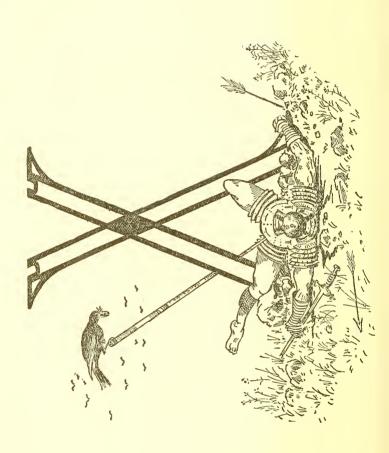
W is Water that is much used by some,

For washing as well as extending their rum;

A dangerous agent, as many have found,

Who with other amusements got in it and drowned.

Woeful Water.

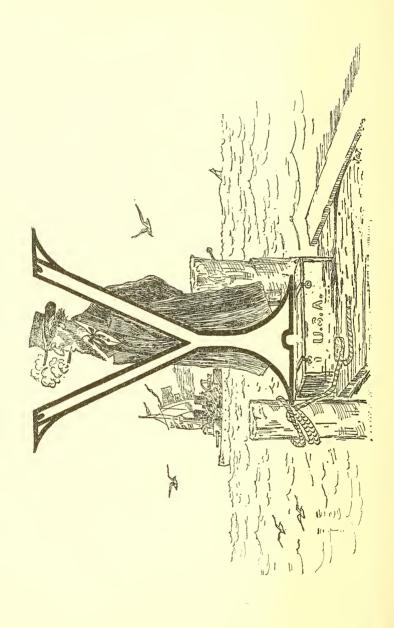


is one Xerxes, a warrior now dead;

And that is the best thing
about him, 't is said;

Although his initial would
make him rank ten,
He never was one of the
X-elent men.

Xit Xerxes



Y is a Yankee, long-legged and lank,

Commonly called by the sobriquet "Yank."

Yanked Indians and Mexico, John Bull and Spain,

And is ready, if need be,

To yank them again.

Yankankerous Yankee.



Z is a Zebra, not as large as a camel;

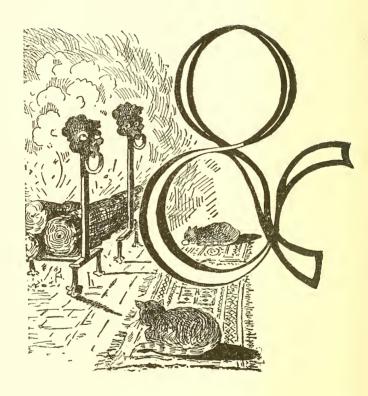
A species of wild Pachydermatous mammal;

They were found in South Africa until a spell ago,

With stripes that around their broad back and belly go;

They may be found now in our new archipelago.

Zoological Zebra.



said to his mate,

As he spread out his legs and sat back in state,—

"Between you and me, say, is n't this grate?

Grate! with shovel and tongs, and funnel and flue,

And faggots and fire for me and for you."

Ampersand Iron.







